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Honorable Harold Shapiro
Administrative Regulations
Criminal Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

The trial of the State of Tennessee vs. James Earl Ray, who is accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is set for November 12, 1968. One of the material witnesses for the State of Tennessee in this trial will be [REDACTED] Portugal. *MRS. MANUELA TELXIAH LOPES, C/O CANADIAN EMBASSY IN LISBON*

It is respectfully requested that your office request that an invitation be extended to [REDACTED] through the United States Department of State to the Canadian Foreign Office, to attend as a witness for the State of Tennessee, the trial of the State vs. James Earl Ray. *MRS. LOPES*

If permission is granted to allow [REDACTED] to visit the United States, the State of Tennessee will pay her expenses as follows: *MRS. LOPES*

Payment for transportation from [REDACTED] Portugal to the Point of Entry into the United States; then ten cents (10¢) a mile from the Point of Entry into the United States to Memphis, Tennessee; plus five dollars (\$5.00) a day every day she is in attendance as a witness; the State of Tennessee will pay the witness ten cents (10¢) a mile from Memphis to the Point of Exit from the United States and then her transportation from the Point of Exit of the United States to [REDACTED] Portugal. *LISBON*

I wish further to inform you that the said witness' lodging and meals during her stay here in Memphis, Tennessee will be paid for by the State of Tennessee. *LISBON*

When this office is notified to the effect that permission is granted and the witness is available to come to Memphis, Tennessee, I will arrange to have the funds forwarded to her to purchase a round trip ticket, tourist class, plus an incidental expense fund, in order to enable the witness to make said airline trip. This amount advanced will then be deducted from the total amount due the witness upon her being paid her additional witness' fees here in Memphis.